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Boundary Changes Alter Schools Attended by Greenbelt Students

by Mary Moien

Prince George's County Public Schools has announced a series of proposed school boundary changes that will affect all elementary schools that serve Greenbelt children as well as Greenbelt Middle School. The changes reflect the opening of new schools, the re-opening of Dodge Park and Berwyn Heights Elementary schools and the movement of children to schools nearer to their homes. The proposed changes will go into effect in September 2002 following public hearings. (The first hearings were held this week.)

Leta Mach, chair of Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education, said that, to the best of her knowledge, the city had not been notified of the hearings that were held this week. She commented that it is difficult for a community to have involvement in the changes proposed when they are not informed of meetings affecting their residents.

Greenbelt Middle

Greenbelt Middle School will be significantly affected by the opening of Hill Road Middle School. The school should become less overcrowded, decreasing from about 150 percent of capacity to about 109 percent. The shifts most affecting Greenbelt students include moving the French Immersion program to Robert Goddard Middle School. In addition, sixth graders from Springhill Lake Elementary School who have been attending Greenbelt Middle School due to overcrowding at their own school, will return to Springhill Lake.

Springhill Lake Elementary

Springhill Lake Elementary School will have space for the returning sixth graders because Berwyn Elementary School is re-opening. Students who live in Berwyn Heights and College Park Estates will leave Springhill Lake and attend Berwyn Elementary. (A few Springhill Lake Elementary

sixth graders now attending Greenbelt Middle School will also be assigned to the Berwyn school.) Some additional students will move from Springhill Lake to schools nearer to their homes. Capacity at Springhill Lake Elementary will decrease from 133 to 121 percent of capacity.

Not all students who live in Springhill Lake apartments attend Springhill Lake Elementary. Because of busing for desegregation, almost 100 students from the apartments are bused to Oakcrest Elementary. Next fall, these students will come closer to home, not to Springhill Lake Elementary, but to Berwyn Elementary.

Greenbelt Elementary

Students at Greenbelt Elementary School will be affected by the re-opening of Dodge Park Elementary. Approximately 65 students living in Washington

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Resident Assaulted At Center

by Barbara Young

A male resident was injured after he asked the driver of a car parked outside Generous Joe's at 9:30 p.m. on December 9 to turn down his blaring car radio. The man got out of his car at once and came up uncomfortably close to the resident, warning him that he'd "better get out of here," or words to that effect. "Joe's was open, but the Center [Roosevelt Center] was pretty empty," the resident told the News Review.

Then someone came from behind the victim, probably from a group of about a half-dozen people gathered in front of Chef Lou's, and knocked the resident to the concrete, where either two or three people kicked and yelled at him. One assailant then took the victim's wallet and ran, while "the driver kicked me one more time and got back in his car," the resident continued. Although he suffered a broken shoulder blade and bruises, the man was able to go into Joe's to call police.

The Fire Department's EMTs assessed his condition, and the man went to Doctor's Hospital where X-rays were taken. "I was surprised by the intensity of the attack," he said, "and I just hope more good people start hanging out in the Center, not deserting it." He said he appreciated the patience and respect with which the police treated him.

One suspect is described as a white male in his 20s, 5'11", 160 lbs., with red hair and blue eyes, who fled the scene in a vehicle described as a 1993 Ford four-door.

See **ARTS PROGRAM**, page 4

Arts Board Re-evaluates Ceramic Arts Program

by Elizabeth Babiarz

The Arts Advisory Board, made up of citizens in the community who are interested in the arts, met December 2 for their monthly meeting to determine if there is a need to re-evaluate the visual and ceramic arts educational programming at the Greenbelt Community Center. The board, consisting of 11 members, reviews and makes recommendations regarding the formal arts policy for the city. It works to increase citizen participation in arts programs and advises the city council on matters relating to the arts.

"The city council's general policy is to evaluate city programs often; to give more people a chance to participate in activities. The council considers what programs need improvement and what people in the community need. Available resources must also be considered," said Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts, who was present at last Thursday's meeting.

When the council was reviewing

proposals last year, it decided to put out another request for proposals regarding the visual arts programming this January. Thursday the Arts Advisory Board recommended against seeking proposals for a revamping of the visual and ceramic arts educational program.

History

Debate surrounding who should run the arts program in Greenbelt has been underway for some time. In 1992, the Greenbelt Community Center began arts programming with only a "skeletal staff," said Nicole DeWald, liaison from the Department of Recreation to the advisory board. Visual arts programming at this time was being held at the Greenbelt Youth Center, where little staff and resources were available.

Jessica Gitlis and her organization, Greenbelt Pottery, was designated a studio in the Center but the Recreation Department did



PHOTOS BY MARIA DEL MAR LOPEZ

Santa arrives at the Festival of Lights' opening ceremony. Not wanting to fly this year, he relied upon the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department for transportation.

Festival of Lights Begins With Santa Lighting Tree

by Jordan Fuhr

Unusually warm weather was credited in part for the large turnout at Greenbelt's 30th annual Festival of Lights. The month-long event kicked off Friday night with the traditional holiday tree lighting and ceremony.

The highlight of the evening for the children was when Santa Claus came to assist in the lighting of the tree. Trading in his sleigh and reindeer for a shiny red Greenbelt fire truck with blaring lights and sirens, Santa was immediately swarmed by the children when he stepped off the truck.

Luckily for Santa, Kateri Hull, Miss Greenbelt, Marie Crenwelge, Junior Miss Greenbelt, and Jenny Lindvall, Little Miss Greenbelt, were all on hand to escort him to the stage where he led the crowd in a tree-lighting countdown. After the illumination and the applause of the crowd dwindled Santa and his Miss Greenbelt helpers handed out candy canes to all the children.

Greenbelt's Concert Band brass ensemble began the evening playing classic holiday tunes such as "Jingle Bells" and was followed by Councilmember Alan Turnbull who welcomed the crowd and gave his best wishes for the holiday season.

Without the presence of the Greenbelt Combined Church

Choir this year, a makeshift choir of young children left their parents in the audience and took to the stage to sing. About 40 children, who at times did not know the words to the songs, did their best to entertain the crowd by singing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman," among others.

Largest Crowd

Julie McHale, Greenbelt's recreation supervisor, said that this was the largest crowd she had seen in her 16 years with the festival. "It seems to get bigger each year and this year the weather really cooperated," she said. Trying to estimate the size of the crowd, McHale said that within minutes after the tree lighting 300 candy canes had been distributed to the children.

McHale mentioned the possibility of moving the event to the Community Center area because of the growing size of the audience each year. This year the crowd consumed the entire area around the tree and stage. And at times the crowd overflowed into the street and area surrounding Roosevelt Center. McHale said that there are no plans at this time to move the location of the tree lighting and festival, but she said that to accommodate the large turnout in years to come "we need some place that will be big enough and safe enough."



At the opening ceremonies for the Festival of Lights, there was a children's group singing carols. More photos are on page 9.

What Goes On

Saturday, December 15,

10 a.m. - noon, Santa visits Youth Center.

Monday, December 17

8 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.

Wednesday, December 19,

8 p.m., Council Worksession about Greenway Center, Community Center.

Thursday, December 20,

7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors Meeting, Community Center.

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Letters to the Editor

Artwork Questioned

On page 3 of the December 6 issue, I read that Paul Downs is exhibiting artwork created from wood and clay taken from the Greenbelt Woods. I assume the reference is to Parcel 1, but even if it is not, three questions occur to me. Why is it acceptable for Mr. Downs to remove clay and wood from the "pristine forest" when it is not acceptable for Greenbelt's children to ride their bicycles there? Why is the New Deal Café exhibiting his work when they took down artwork merely because one member of the community thought it might inspire vandalism? Does the city have any plans to punish the self-proclaimed vandal or confiscate the materials stolen from city property?

For that matter, why is the News Review publicizing this event rather than denouncing Mr. Downs in an editorial?

Mary Halford

Thanks

The many expressions of sympathy and support given to us by our Greenbelt community in the recent death of my husband, Carl, were deeply appreciated by the entire family.

Thank you.

Ruth P. Bond

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8:30pm "City Council Meeting of 12/17"

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The GHI Fall Gutter Cleanings scheduled for the week of December 10 through 14 are as follows:

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- 50 through 62 Courts of Ridge Road
- 1 through 12 Courts of Plateau Place
- 18 through 28 Courts of Ridge Road

Scheduled updates for this program will be published weekly in the Greenbelt News Review. The contact supervisor for the programs is Paul Hill. He can be reached on 301-474-4161 ext. 122.

The Old Curmudgeon



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

La Leche League To Meet Tuesday

La Leche League of Greenbelt will meet on Tuesday, December 18, at 10 a.m. at 33P Ridge Road. The topic of the meeting is "Research Proves the Superiority of Mother's Milk." Pregnant and breast-feeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies are welcome. For more information, call Mary at 301-345-4589.

At the Library

Tuesday, December 18, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, December 19, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, December 20, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the December 5 meeting.

The 50/50 drawing was won by John H. Jones and Louvain Townsend.

The Sunshine chair reported she sent notes of cheer to Ottillie Van Allen, Ava Scott, and Luci Himes.

Ernie Varda, Membership/Nominations chair, asked for nominations from the floor. Next year's slate of officers will be President: Ima Davis; First Vice President: Florence Holly; Second Vice President: Bill Souser; Treasurer: Robert Terrell; Recording Secretary: Bunny Fitzgerald; and Corresponding Secretary: Pearl Siegel. The new officers will be installed at the first business meeting in January 2002.

The December Christmas party will be December 19. Remember, there will be no meeting on December 26.

Comcast to Reduce Equipment Fees

Comcast has announced there will be a reduction in their equipment rates. Effective in February, Comcast will make adjustments to customers' bills to reflect equipment fee reductions. Notice of these changes will be included in bills, starting with December statements, or by direct mail. Notice will be given that:

"Effective with the February billing statement, the prices of analog and digital converters will decrease to \$2.90 each. Also, there is the option to rent an analog remote control for \$0.12. All rates are subject to applicable fees and taxes."

For information, call 301-499-2930.

School Job Fair

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) reports that the job fair they sponsored on December 1 was a great success. The fair resulted from several local schools reporting to the City Council and ACE that they had vacancies in their schools that they could not fill. The committee decided to hold a local job fair to attract applicants.

ACE liaison Wendy Wexler reported that people were waiting in line when the doors opened. More than 100 people had been seen by the time the fair ended and more applicants called her office after the fair.

"Obviously, we felt it was a very successful event," Wexler commented, adding that ACE is discussing the possibility of having another fair next year.

Community Events

Metro BWI Shuttle Is Welcome Addition

by Judy Bell

A recent trip to New Hampshire gave me a chance to test out the new service that Metro is offering. Metro Bus Route B30 begins at Greenbelt Metro Station and travels non-stop to Baltimore Washington International Airport.

The service begins at 6 a.m. and runs every 40 minutes until 11:20 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:40 a.m. to 11:20 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The schedule is posted at one stop among the regular bus stops. A neighbor dropped us off, but you could take the bus. There is a minimal cost, and with a transfer from a Metro bus or train it's even less.

The buses are supplied by Metro and retrofitted with comfortable coach-type seats and built-in luggage carriers. The 35-minute ride was uneventful except for a very short tie-up because of construction on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

There is only one stop on the trip, namely the international section of the airport, near the baggage claim area. We like this feature, especially since we flew Southwest, which is currently the last baggage claim area. The bus stop is the same for returning to Greenbelt. Upon return we waited approximately 20 minutes to catch the bus and had another uneventful trip home.

I highly recommend this method of transportation, which saves time, money and is practically hassle-free. This benefits the traveler and the environment.

Greenbelt CARES

Saturday, December 1, the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) sponsored a Job Fair at the Community Center. A recent City Council worksession with local schools and ACE revealed a number of vacant positions within the Prince George's County school system. Representatives from the Prince George's County Public Schools Personnel Office, Greenbelt schools, the school system's transportation department and the Greenbelt Consumer Food Co-op gave out applications and conducted numerous interviews. Over 100 participants attended the Job Fair.

Judye Hering attended a meeting of the Prince George's Volunteer Coordinator's Association at Doctor's Hospital. The meeting focused on successful activities in 2001, promoting volunteerism, and planning programs for 2002.

City Notes

The week of December 3, the horticulture crew hung the Festival of Lights banner at the city office and decorated the tree at the Municipal Building and the deer statue on Hanover Parkway for the holiday season. The crew also drained landscape water lines and removed backflow preventers for the winter.

The details crew assisted with decorating the City Office Building, Community Center and the light poles in Roosevelt Center; painted the yellow center and hatch lines on Cherrywood Lane; replaced a "keep right" sign and pole on Southway; and replaced eight bollards on Hanover Parkway and Breezewood.

Co-op Mails Patronage Refunds

Members of the Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative should find a little extra in their mailboxes this month; patronage refund vouchers have been sent out in time for holiday shopping. On December 1 and 2, 946 vouchers were sent out on December 1, according to Co-op chairman Jim Cassels. The vouchers are part of a patronage refund program established by the non-profit co-operative. This year the refund amounted to \$76,480.25 or 1.18% of member purchases, 75% of which was distributed in the form of vouchers and 25% of which will be credited to each member's capital account. If a member's capital account has reached the maximum amount of \$1,000, then the entire refund is given in the voucher. Cassels notes that of the vouchers mailed out, 40 have been returned as undeliverable. Often the problem stems from members moving without changing their address on file at the store. If a mailing address has changed, or if there are any other problems with an account, please contact the Co-op office at 301-474-0522.

What's Happening At the New Deal

The New Deal Café presents a wealth of talent and some special events in the coming week.

Doug Alen Wilcox will perform sweet and soulful songs for all on Friday, December 14.

An Open Door Policy will occur on Saturday, December 15, with blues, folk, rock and stories presented by J. R. Robusto and Waverly Milor.

Join neighbors for a Drummers Circle at the Café on Sunday, December 16. Belly dancers are welcome.

Joshua Eden is on a national tour, and will make his only stop in the Washington area at the Café on Wednesday, December 19. His style is original soul/folk music filled with poetic, political lyrics. The lyrics and music come together to convey messages of freedom, compassion and personal and social emancipation.

On Friday, December 21, there will be a special holiday event to celebrate the Winter Solstice. Rachel Cross and Jaqui MacMillan have planned an evening of music to lift the spirit. They will invite the audience to participate, to move, and express themselves. Attendees are requested to bring some non-perishable food items as admission to the Café which will be donated to the Capitol Area Food Bank.

GHI Notes

A free informational seminar about GHI will be held on December 15 at 11 a.m. at the GHI offices for prospective members.

The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for December 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

GHI offices will be closed at noon on Friday, December 21, and remain closed until Wednesday, December 26. For emergency maintenance, call 301-474-6011.

Students Awarded Academic Honors

by Leslie Hilliard

On November 19, students at St. Hugh's School were recognized for their academic achievements at an "Honors Award" presentation. Students in grades five through eight who maintain grades of A or B are eligible for the award, which also encompasses respect, spirituality, and responsibility.

Students achieving "First Honors" must maintain an A in every subject except one, where a B is allowed. Twenty students received the award. Fifth-graders honored were Nydia Bryan-Green, Sarah Layton, Anne Lemieux, Robert Rudd, and Megan Shaffer. In sixth grade, the honorees include Amanda Crisman, Laurence Fitzgerald, Nicholas Gunawan, Edward Kim, Eleanor Lomax, Greg Meyer, Peter Morrison, and Soleil Smith. In seventh grade, Megan Didion, Jeffrey Grant, Harrison Hilliard, and Alice Yoo were honored. In eighth grade, the honorees were Marie Crenwelge, Caren Middaugh, and Aubrey Schiavone.

Students earning "Second Honors" must receive either an A or B in every core subject. Twenty-seven students received that distinction, including fifth-graders Erin Cocchiaro, Eric Didion, Wesley Hilliard, Erik Johnson, Eric Meyer, Shelby Njoku, Evan Real, James Riordan, Maria Solari, Aaron Viegas, and Philip Wilson. In sixth grade, Joseph Chung, Brian Crenwelge, Mitchell Drew, Theodore Elsasser, Jeffery Han, James Livingston, Adam MacNaught, and Thomas Rogers were honored. Other recipients were seventh-grader Eva Connors, and eighth-graders Katherine Gessner, Marvin Gunawan, Katherine Kimble, Sarah Loutsch, Conor Real, and Michael Zeleny.

Concert Band to Play At Center

The march, "Black Horse Troop" will open the Greenbelt Concert Band's free holiday concert on Sunday, December 16, at 3:30 p.m. on the stage of the Community Center gym.

Among the selections will be Barat's "Andante E Scherzo," featuring trumpet soloist Patrick Gormley, who will then join the entire cornet/trumpet section in playing Cacavas' "Trumpets of Spondor." Tom Cherrix, the band director, will conduct the performance.

Sen. Pinsky Speaks At Democratic Club

The Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club will hold the final meeting in its 25th anniversary series on Friday, December 21, at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at the corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway.

In addition to installation of new officers and remarks by State Senator Paul G. Pinsky (District 22), members and guests will hold a brief memorial service in remembrance of departed members from 1976 through 2001. Several former members are planning to attend, including founding member Charles Sokol.

Sen. Pinsky will comment on his recent article, "Life as a Progressive Legislator," published in the October 1 issue of The Nation, and respond to questions. Members are reminded to bring a snack or dessert to share for the Annual Holiday Gala social hour. The general public or prospective members are cordially invited. For transportation or further information, call the corresponding secretary, Pat Unger, at 301-474-1052.

Upcoming events include a regular meeting on Friday, Jan. 18, and the annual Legislative Night trip to Annapolis on Monday, Feb. 18, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Star Gazing Party

Come explore the universe with us! The Greenbelt Astronomy Club is celebrating by holding a star gazing party on Saturday, December 15, and everyone is invited. The event begins at dusk and is scheduled to last until at least 11 p.m. Club members will be on hand with a variety of telescopes and binoculars to share views of the planet Jupiter with its moons, Saturn with its rings, star clusters, nebula, constellations and more. The location will be at Northway Fields. The event is free and open to the public. In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies, this event will be cancelled. This event is sponsored by the members of the Greenbelt Astronomy Club; to encourage public interest in science and education.

Post Office Has Holiday Hours

On the next two Saturdays, December 15 and 22, the Greenbelt Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Weekdays, Monday through Friday, Post Office hours will be the regular 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. schedule.

GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Thursday, December 20, 2001,
7:30 p.m.
Community Center

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Tree Maintenance Contract 2002 - First Reading
- Parliamentary Procedures Regarding Motions

Regular board meetings are open to members.



ARTS PROGRAM continued from page 1

not know what to do with this program, Gitlis said. Gitlis began working with Barbara Simon and formed the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA), overlapping staff and resources. Gitlis and Simon proposed to the city council that GAVA provide the Center's visual arts programming. In 1997, GAVA was hired on a contractual basis to provide these services. For the past three and a half years, the city contracted with GAVA to provide all visual arts programming, Barbara Simon, director of GAVA, said.

Last year, Jessica Gitlis and other potters sought a contract to independently provide ceramic programs. At this time, GAVA, now without the potters, requested a contract to remain in charge of all the programming at the Center, DeWald said.

"GAVA just got too big and was too much work," Gitlis said. "I wanted to return to smaller more focused jobs."

By the time the council was accepting requests for proposals, the potters recommended they be designated a staff position. The council agreed, designating a staff position specifically for pottery. Jessica Gitlis was hired as the ceramic expert. The council also offered a contract to GAVA to provide all other services, which GAVA declined. The Department of Recreation is currently providing the services GAVA would have provided with the existing staff and the help of the visual arts expert, Gwendolyn Aquí.

Even though GAVA does not have a contract with the council, it remains independently active at the Community Center providing programming, especially in the GATE program, Simon said.

A new request for proposals would allow any interested organization to submit a proposal explaining a need for new programming. If approved, this group would then be on contractual basis with the city. GAVA has already informed DeWald and the city it will respond if the council announced a request for proposals, Simon said.

Not Necessary

Yet, it is the Arts Advisory Board's opinion that such action is unnecessary, Teddy Primack, chairman of the board said.

Three factors went into this decision. Most members of the board stated they were happy with the variety of program choices and the diverse body of the instructors at the Community Center. According to the data compiled by the board, 89 programs have been offered for children, teens and adults in the first two quarters of 2002, 70 programs that were offered have been held, including workshops, classes, and special event activities. This winter, the Recreation Department has proposed 40 classes and workshops focusing on the visual art and ceramic educational programs to be taught by over 20 instructors.

The board's goal in expanding the program is to increase Greenbelt's chances in any future application for grant support. By increasing the number of recognized artists participating as instructors, the board hopes to not only gain grant support but to also increase ongoing efforts to recruit talented instructors, build participation levels, and cultivate programming partnerships.

Mark Giltis and other members of the board cited the "lack of need" for a proposal revamping the educational arts programming. Others present felt reevaluation of the program should be considered only if there is a problem in the current program.

Barbara Simon, director of GAVA, agreed that a full evaluation of the current program is needed. A full report should include financial records, cost analysis of the programs and quality of the programs among other sections, she said.

Course Evaluations

In January, the courses evaluations, completed by students enrolled in the fall semester of programming, will be available to the council, DeWald said. These evaluations, conducted by Greenbelt's Recreation Department, will show the caliber of education provided as well as student satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the programming, she said. The board stressed council members need to evaluate these reports in order to detect a problem.

"Numbers of participants, programs, attendance is objective criteria of a program's quality," Mark Gitlis said. "A request for proposals should fulfill a lack in programming."

But, Simon feels that the council decided to have a request for proposal concerning the programming last year and should keep its promise.

"Since the city council decided to have a request for proposal (RFP) last year without reports, it

should have one this year. Even if the reports are superlative, the RFP should be conducted," Simon said. Jessica Gitlis, though, is happy with the program the way it is and thinks it shouldn't be changed.

"When the city didn't know how to run the program, independent contractors were needed. Now, the recreation department has evolved to the point where it has the infrastructure to support the programming with the help of arts specialists," she said.



Our sympathy to Katrina Boverman whose father, Dr. Maxwell Boverman of Silver Spring died of a heart attack on Saturday, December 1, 2001. Dr. Boverman was a pioneer in psychiatry and group and family psychotherapy. He was a member of Greenbelt Consumer Services.

Condolences to News Review staffer Helen Sydavar and her brother Greg Sydavar on the death of their father, John Sydavar of Annapolis.

SPC Donna Dailey, of Greenbelt, recently completed entrance processing at the Military Entrance Processing Station, Baltimore, (MEPS) and became a member of the Maryland Army National Guard. SPC Dailey is assigned to Bco 629th MI BN.

Baha'i Faith

"O Son of Man! The true lover yearneth for tribulation even as doth the rebel for forgiveness and the sinful for mercy."
-Baha'i Sacred Writings

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Kids Teach Santa About Christmas

Children's Sunday School classes at Holy Cross Lutheran Church will present a Christmas pageant Sunday, December 16, at 11:30 a.m. Titled "The Gift of Christmas." The play shows children leading Santa Claus back in time with the help of St. Nicholas to learn the real meaning of Christmas.

The pageant is under the direction of Wendy Linstrom and Terry Shifflett and is being accompanied by Erin Winker. A treat will be served immediately following the program. For more information, call 301-345-5111.

Candlelight Tours At Surratt House

Historic Surratt House Museum, 9118 Brandywine Road, Clinton, will present the 26th annual Victorian Yuletide Celebration on December 15, 16 and 17. The 1852 house will be decorated with festive greenery, antique dolls and toys, greeting cards, and ornaments of the 19th century. Candlelight tours will be offered this weekend. There is a fee. Contact 301-868-1121 or www.pgsparks.com.

Grand Ole Opry Star In Holiday Concert

"A Country Christmas" concert will be performed by George Hamilton, IV, at Trinity Moravian Church, 7011 Good Luck Road, New Carrollton, on December 17, 8 p.m.

Hamilton is a member of the Grand Ole Opry and has traveled extensively both in the U.S. and abroad and has been named the "International Ambassador of Country Music." He is most famous for his hit single, "Abilene."

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Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

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Sun. Worship

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Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event

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7:00 pm

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Sunday, Dec. 16

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Education Hour: 10:00 a.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant: 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Advent Services
12:15 p.m., 7:30 p.m.



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Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt
MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

BOUNDARIES

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Heights (Nalley Road/Capital View Drive) will transfer from Greenbelt Elementary to Dodge Park Elementary. On the other hand, some other Greenbelt students, about 100 students living on Hanover Parkway and currently attending Magnolia Elementary, will go to Greenbelt Elementary.

Greenbelt Elementary had been over capacity for several years until a number of students left during the last school year when a large apartment complex was closed. These new changes will put the school at an estimated 84 percent capacity next year.

Magnolia Elementary

Magnolia Elementary currently schools about 200 students from Greenbelt East, of whom about half will be transferred to Greenbelt Elementary under the proposed changes. This shift and the movement of others out of Magnolia will result in a significant decrease in its size, from 146 to 103 percent of capacity.

These proposed changes will do much to decrease crowding at the local schools. However, it will involve a tremendous shift in Greenbelt's student population.

Future Meetings

Additional meetings include a tentatively-scheduled hearing on December 19 at 7 p.m. at Robert Goddard Middle School, 9850 Good Luck Road, Seabrook. Among other topics, this meeting will deal with the movement of the French Immersion program from Greenbelt Middle to Robert Goddard. On January 8, a meeting will be held on the reopening of Berwyn Elementary and the accompanying shifts of students who live in Springhill Lake apartments. This meeting will be held at Greenbelt Middle School at 7 p.m.

Questions and comments regarding these proposed shifts can be addressed to the Department of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries at 301-952-6300. Comments can also be faxed to 301-952-6784.

Children Help Make Snake for 2002 Gala

by Elizabeth Babiarz

Staff and volunteers are working hard to make this New Year's eve in Greenbelt one of the best. In the Greenbelt Community Center, the Youth Center and Roosevelt Center, activities are scheduled from 7 p.m. to midnight. Community members will enjoy Caribbean steel bands, puppet shows, magic shows for children, adult dancing, plays, a teen-scene complete with a D.J. and many other amusements.

Greenbelt residents are so enthusiastic they began working on the festival's decorations this weekend at the Festival of Lights. Elizabeth Morisette, an artist in residence at the Greenbelt Community Center, started on her project, "the glowing snake," a 12 ft. snake sculpture that will be displayed in the Center during the New Year's festivities.

On Saturday, children helped Morisette make the snake's skin on an 80-year-old loom in one of the Center's studios. Morisette used "colorful items" like aluminum foil, cling wrap, official Mardi Gras beads, donated garland, fabric and plastic grocery bags to make up the snake's skin. Most of these items are recycled and chosen by Morisette because

they are good at reflecting light. The core of the snake will be Christmas lights held into place by the tightly woven materials of the "skin."

Gabby Wynn, 7, of Greenbelt, was by Morisette's side, feeding the material into the loom. "I think it's cool, and I like helping," Wynn said.

The three Cummins sisters, Patty, 4, Rose, 6, and Mary, 4, also helped Morisette by pushing the pedals of the loom, even though their legs were barely long enough to reach them. Luckily, Jeremiah Hammett, 9, was around to help the girls push the levers. "I like doing the weaving because the colors are pretty," said Patty Cummins.

Last week, Morisette began putting the over 12 ft. of recycled string of every color in the rainbow on the loom. Morisette projected it will take her about a week to finish the project. She's eager for the children to see their work on display.

"When a child sees an art project on display it legitimizes the work they've done," Morisette said. "It makes them feel special and important, like they have a quality place in the community."



Elizabeth Morisette weaves the Great Glowing Snake as student Michael Stevens looks on.

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building Council Room
Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.
December 17, 2001

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations
(The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)
5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
 - Introduction of New Community Development Staff
7. Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)
8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- * 10. Committee Reports
 - Senior Citizens Advisory Committee (2001 Open Forum)
 - Community Relations Advisory Board (Peace Month/Community Pledge)
 - Arts Advisory Board (RFP for Arts Education)

III. LEGISLATION

11. A Resolution to Authorize Application for a Maryland Historical Trust Grant for Restoration of the Community Center Bas Reliefs and to Authorize the City Manager to Execute all Necessary Documents (1st Reading)

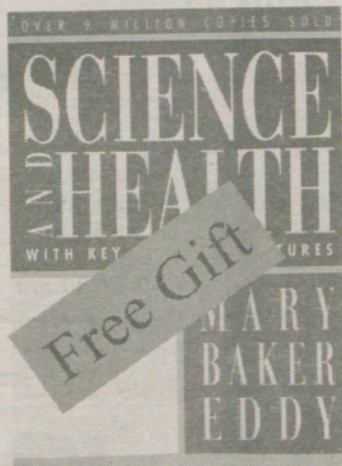
IV. OTHER BUSINESS

12. Update on New Year's Eve 2002
13. Possible Action Steps at Roosevelt Center
14. Mutual Aid Agreement Among Municipalities
15. Parking Plan and Yard Waste Composting Facility at Northway
16. Dog Park Expansion
17. Wetland Education Facility at Greenbelt Lake
18. Award of Purchase - Animal Control Vehicle
- * 19. Reappointment to Employee Relations Board

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TTY) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

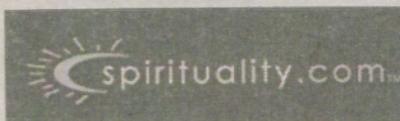


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Hormel Pillow pack Pepperoni	\$2⁵⁹ 8 oz.
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Fresh Wampler Whole Frying Chicken	89¢ lb.
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Oscar Mayer All Meat Bologna	\$1³⁹ 16 oz.

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Stove Top Stuffing Mixes Asst. Varieties	\$1²⁹ 6 oz.
Betty Crocker Super Moist Cake Mixes	49¢ 18 oz.
Ocean Spray Cranberry Cocktail & Blends	\$1⁹⁹ 64 oz.
Best Yet Pumpkin	59¢ 15 oz.
Duncan Hines Fudge-or- Chocolate Brownie Mix	\$1¹⁹ 17.6 oz.
Wesson Cooking Oils	\$1⁴⁹ 48 oz.
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Best Yet Instant Oatmeal Asst. Varieties	\$1¹⁹ 12 oz.
Carnation Hot Cocoa Mix Asst. Varieties	99¢ 8-10 Pk.
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Betty Crocker Ready To Spread Cake Frostings Asst. Varieties	\$1¹⁹ 16 oz.
Green Giant Mushrooms Whole-Sliced	99¢ 4.5 oz.
Reynold's Wrap Heavy Duty Aluminum Foil	\$1⁴⁹ 37.5 Sq. Ft.
Kellogg's Corn Pops or-Froot Loops	\$1⁹⁹ 15-20 oz.
Haddon house Cocktail Onions	99¢ 5 oz.
Bumble Bee Chunk Light Tuna Water-Oil	59¢ 6 oz. Can
Domino Baking Sugar 10X-Brown	99¢ 32 oz.
Bruce Cut Yams	99¢ 40 oz.
Maxwell House Regular Ground Coffee	\$1⁵⁹ 11-13 oz. Can
Slow Roast-Lite-Espresso All Purpose-French- Master Blend-Columbian	
Heinz Homestyle Gravy Asst. Varieties	89¢ 12 oz.
Del Monte Fruit Cocktail Mixed Fruit Fruit Salad	89¢ 15 oz.
Campbell's Original Cream of Chicken-or- Cream of Mushroom Soups	79¢ 10.75 oz.
Del Monte Peaches-or- Pears Asst. Varieties	89¢ 15 oz.
Keebler Town House Crackers	\$1⁹⁹ 13-15 oz.
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Dole Pineapple Sliced Chunk-Crushed	89¢ 20 oz.
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Vlasic Sweet Midgets -or-Gherkins	\$1⁴⁹ 16 oz.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault

6200 block Springhill Court, December 3, 7:54 p.m., a man displaying a silver semi-automatic handgun confronted his victim in the parking lot. The victim yelled, and the man fled on foot. A short time later, a late-model Chrysler or Dodge mini-van was seen leaving the area at a high rate of speed. The suspect is described as a black male, 23, 5'11", 155 lbs., wearing a dark blue "puffy" jacket, blue jeans and a black hat with ear flaps.

Greenbelt Middle School, November 30, 12:30 p.m., a 14-year-old Landover youth was arrested after he allegedly punched another student, who suffered minor injuries to his nose. The suspect was released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

6100 block Breezewood Drive, December 1, 2:34 a.m., a 28-year-old resident was arrested and charged with assault. Allegedly the man came to his wife's residence in violation of an ex parte order, dragged his wife outside, bit her on the cheek and pushed her to the ground. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The victim declined treatment for minor injuries.

9100 block Springhill Lane, December 1, 12:15 a.m., a 48-year-old resident was arrested and charged with assault after he allegedly slapped and choked his wife during a verbal altercation. The man was arrested and released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School November 29, 4:18 p.m., a 16-year-old resident was arrested and charged with assault after he allegedly got into a fight with another student on a school bus at the high school and assaulted a security aide who was attempting to break up the fight. The youth was released on petition pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Theft

Bank of America, Greenbelt Road, December 4, 10:32 a.m., a resident was arrested and charged with uttering a false document and two counts of theft after attempting to cash a stolen check. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Springhill Lake Elementary School, November 30, 3:40 p.m., a clarinet was taken from the school.

Beltway Plaza, November 30, 9:07 p.m., an unattended wallet was taken from an outdoor bench.

7000 block Greenbelt Road, December 4, 12:43 p.m., an unattended laptop computer was taken from an office suite.

7300 block Hanover Parkway, December 6, 10:18 a.m., a cash box was taken from the reception area of an office suite.

Weapon in School

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, November 30, 2:24 p.m., a 16-year-old resident was arrested for possession of a deadly weapon on school property. A teacher observed that the student had a knife in the waistband of her pants. She was released on petition pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglary

Parkway, December 6, 3:33 p.m., unknown means were used to break into a garage and camp-

ing equipment was taken.

Disorderly Conduct

6400 block Ivy Lane, December 1, 1:13 p.m., a 31-year-old female resident of Elkins Park, Pa. was arrested after an officer observed her arguing with another person, shouting profanities and causing a group of onlookers to gather, and refusing to stop the behavior at the officer's request. She was released on citation pending trial.

7500 block Greenbelt Road, November 30, 9:36 p.m., a 22-year-old resident of ElkrIDGE, Md., was arrested after he approached the officer investigating a car accident and began shouting profanities, causing motorists to stop and refusing to cease his actions. He was released on citation pending trial.

Trespassing

8 Court Laurel Hill, November 28, 8:33 p.m., a 43-year-old resident of Brentwood was arrested and charged with harassment/course of conduct and trespassing/invasion of privacy. Known to the victim, the suspect was observed in the victim's yard, looking in her windows. He was released on citations pending trial.

Drug Violations/Arrests

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, November 29, 7:56 p.m., a 17-year-old Lanham resident was arrested on multiple drug charges. Officers responded to a report of persons selling drugs in front of an apartment building. When officers arrived, several persons fled the scene on foot, and one threw a container to the ground. It was found to contain a quantity of suspected marijuana and a quantity of suspected phenylcyclidine. The suspect was charged and released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Beltway Plaza, December 6, 6:41 p.m., two residents of Washington, D.C., ages 38 and 52, were arrested and charged with obtaining a controlled dangerous substance by fraudulent prescription and uttering a forged prescription. After they tried to pass a forged prescription at the Giant Pharmacy, a computer check revealed that both men had open warrants with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. Both were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

7500 block Hanover Parkway, December 7, 12:08 a.m. A 66-year old resident was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after an officer stopped her vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. Located in the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to inject heroin. The suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1995 Honda Accord two-door, reported stolen November 26 from Greenbelt Metro Drive, was recovered November 30 by Prince George's County Police on Riggs Road, Hyattsville; a 1994 Geo Metro four-door reported stolen November 28 from the 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, was recovered November 30; a 1996 Honda Accord four-door, 9300 block Edmonston Road, November 30, a 17-year-old Hyattsville youth was arrested for theft, false

statement and rogue and vagabond after an officer observed an occupied suspicious vehicle and investigation revealed that the vehicle had been stolen in Prince George's County. Three occupants of the car attempted to flee on foot, and the youth apprehended was found to be in possession of a tool commonly used to steal cars; a 1999 Isuzu Rodeo, 9200 block Springhill Lane, December 2, recovered December 4 in the 9100 block of Springhill Court; a green 1995 Dodge van, Va. tags YFX 9425, December 3, from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; a 1985 Chevrolet Caprice four-door, December 4 from the 7800 block of Mandan Road, recovered the same day by Metropolitan Police on Newcomb Street, S.E.; a black 1997 Plymouth Neon four door, Md. tags FNR738, December 4, from Beltway Plaza; a burgundy 1991 Toyota Camry, Md. tags SMN715, December 5, from the 8000 block of Mandan Road; a 2002 Dodge Intrepid four-door, December 6 from the 6400 block of Ivy Lane, was recovered the same day by Metropolitan Police Department on Fitch Place, N.E.; a white 1999 Isuzu Rodeo, Md. tags M402521, December 6, from the 6200 block of Springhill Court; a white 2001 Chrysler Concord four-door, Va. tags ZMS8840, December 6, from the 6400 block of Ivy Lane; a 2000 Plymouth van, December 6, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, recovered the same day by Anne Arundel Police after having been used in an armed robbery in Odenton, Md.; a purple 1994 Dodge van, Md. tags 753715M, December 6, from Beltway Plaza.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 8200 block Mandan Court; 6200 block Springhill Court; 6100 block Springhill Terrace; 7600 block Mandan Road; 6200 block Breezewood Drive; 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; unit block Centerway; 9200 block Edmonston Road; 6100 block Breezewood Court; 7500 block Greenbelt Road; 6200 block Springhill Drive; 8000 block Mandan Road; 6000 block Springhill Drive; Buddy Attick Park; 6800 block Springshire Way.

In the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road, December 5, a 21-year-old resident was arrested and charged with theft after an officer stopping the vehicle for a traffic violation found that tags on the vehicle were stolen. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Bob Brown Puppets In Free Program

The South Laurel Recreation Council is holding a Children's Holiday Program on Sunday, December 16, at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Deerfield Run Elementary School.

"Holiday Hijinks" will be presented by Bob Brown Puppets. Following the free puppet show, there will be an opportunity to visit with Santa and his friends.

Deerfield Run Elementary School is located at 13000 Laurel-Bowie Road (Route 197 near Contee Road), one-fourth mile west of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (Route 295). Parking is free. Call 301-776-2805.

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Children of all ages were invited up onto the stage to sing holiday songs.

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The Community Center gym was filled with craft booths once again for the opening weekend of Greenbelt's Festival of Lights.

Art and Craft Show Had Variety of Gifts for Sale

by Elizabeth Babiarz

The juried Art and Craft fair held Saturday at the Greenbelt Community Center offered an array of unique and affordable holiday gifts for adults and children. Among the common craft fair stock including knitted hats and gloves, painted pottery and beaded jewelry, some distinctive presents, sure to delight gift recipients this holiday season, were on sale.

Bruce Jonas, of Woodbridge, Va., was selling clocks made out of unusual materials. Old 45 records, by musical artists like Frank Sinatra, John Lennon, Elvis Presley and the Bee Gee's, were tailored into working clocks. Jonas also makes clocks out of large computer data chips and large laser compact discs, whose faces' are ornamented with religious, athletic or patriotic symbols. Most people find them a good gift idea because of their reasonable price, Jonas said.

Jewelry

Jewelry for sale at the fair was of a different caliber than the beaded jewelry typical to these shows. Kathleen Waide had earrings, pins, necklaces and hairclips on display made of pearls, gemstones, stained glass and malachite. Waide, who has been making jewelry for 10 years, usually sells her jewelry at consignment stores. Saturday, she said she made the trip to the fair because of increased business around the holidays.

"I started making jewelry as holiday presents for my friends," Waide said. "They all told me I should start selling them and so I did. People seem to really like my jewelry and like giving it as a gift."

Debbie Martin, of Laurel,

was also selling jewelry at the fair, but she made hers out of polymer clay. Each piece of jewelry, and other items like key chains and pens, had intricate patterns full of many colors. From a solid block of the clay, Martin creates a pattern and then bakes the item. It is an easy and fun pastime she began when her son left home, Martin explains.

Ornaments

Missy Dodd, of Greenbelt, was selling her "teapot" ornaments, the 1999 Good Housekeeping Magazine grand prize-winner of the holiday ornament contest. Dodd starts with a 2-inch glass ball and then uses polymer clay for the handle and the spout. The front of the "teapot" is decorated with a sticker. Dodd's table was crowded with patrons contemplating which of the "pots" to purchase.

Other interesting gift ideas were the hand carved solid wood statues made by Jack Bowerman, who has been coming to craft fairs for over 20 years. Statues of cats, dogs, birds, people and shoes were available. The Outback Bee Products Company had gourmet all-natural honey on sale in flavors like orange, raspberry and apricot. Natural honey fragrance candles, honey perfumes, honey soap and beeswax furniture polish were also on sale.

Tara Kuminski, of College Park, traveled to Greenbelt to buy Christmas presents and bought jewelry for her mother.

"My mother loves arts and crafts. I could spend a lot of money on something at the mall but she wouldn't like it. She loves rare presents, especially those that are hand-made," Kuminski said.

Evening with Friends Offers Wide Variety

by Konrad Herling

The Greenbelt Arts Center's "Evening with Friends" program isn't just another variety show. The Arts Center, which celebrated its 22nd anniversary last weekend, is bringing the community closer together through its mixed selections.

On the bill for Saturday night will be Springhill Lake's new group, "The Building Project," the improv group, "GAC Reflex," juggler David Schuman, and the 'graduates' of GAC's vocal classes, the program will feature segments of community activities taped by Greenbelt Access Television. Paul Allen's new television program, "Channel Zero News" should titillate the audience. Video highlights of the Greenbelt Lions Club 50th anniversary dinner and its keynote speaker, Ed Walker, will be shown.

And there will be two interviews; one with Holly Jackson of the Springhill Lake's business office who is anxious to inform Greenbelters of the changes occurring there, and a joint interview with the City's Chief of Police, James R. Craze, and his wife, Greenbelt's Director of Planning and Community Development, Celia Wilson Craze. Both natives to the area, the Crazes are committed to building a strong sense of community through citizen participation. Under Chief Craze's command, the Greenbelt Police Department has received high praise for its outreach programs such as the School Resource Officer Program, the Citizens' Police Academy, the D.A.R.E. program and many other initiatives.

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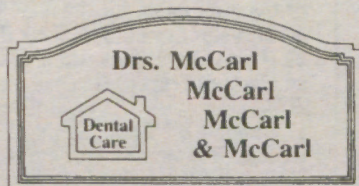
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The Maryland Boy Choir is directed by former Greenbelt resident Joan McFarland and consists of 29 boys, ages 8 to 14, who hail from Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Since its founding in 1983, the choir has performed at the Kennedy Center, the White House, Constitution Hall, many area churches and at RFK Stadium and Camden Yards. The choir won its Grammy in 2000 for its 1995 performance of Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem."

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GHI Board Reviews Policy for Paying Member Losses

by Jordan Fuhr

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) Board of Directors at its November 29 meeting, considered guidelines for the cooperative assuming responsibility for losses to personal property as a result of incidents that result in damages to member homes. The board also decided not to install a sprinkler system in its offices and to initiate a complaint panel to deal with those members who are not in compliance with the GHI beautification program.

Under the GHI mutual ownership agreement, GHI assumes responsibility for the building structure of each home and carries insurance to cover losses. Members are responsible for their personal property and also any building improvements. According to GHI staff, members are encouraged to obtain insurance to cover personal property losses but not all members have done so.

After some members complained about GHI not assuming responsibility for losses to their property for some incidents such as roof leaks, fallen trees and limbs and employee mishaps, the issue was brought to the board for its review.

The board suggested that personal effects be covered by GHI if they were damaged due to employee mishaps or negligence. It also conceded that there are some circumstances that are unforeseeable and GHI cannot be held accountable for covering those damages.

The board did not make any permanent decisions regarding how staff should view assessment of liability. Manager Gretchen Overdurff told the board that the staff would compile the suggestions from the meeting and bring a draft of the proposals to the next board meeting for inspection. A change in policy will likely show up in the form of a motion at a later meeting, Overdurff said.

Overdurff said there are some items, such as photographs, that insurance will never cover if damaged. It is those types of incidents where GHI staff was looking for direction in determining if it should cover the losses or if homeowners should be re-

sponsible. The board came to a general consensus that if the homeowner had a responsibility for causing the damage then they would have to foot the bill.

Board member William Phelan agreed, "If you're a homeowner and your hot water heater leaks, that happens sometimes...and GHI can't be responsible." In that situation all of the damage associated with an accident like that would be the responsibility of the homeowner.

Eldon Ralph, manager of plant and facilities, said that, "we've got to be consistent because we could have a tree fall and damage a barbeque grill...and members would feel we are responsible to replace it." But, Phelan and other board members said that if the tree was overlooked by GHI or the homeowner had asked to have it removed, then GHI should be liable.

Sprinkler System

The board also decided to scrap plans to include installation of a water sprinkler system in the Greenbelt Homes office building. The removal of the sprinkler system and necessary water service to the system frees more than \$58,000 for other building renovation uses. This change will most likely expedite the date of project completion.

The suggestion to remove the system from the project plans came after it was discovered that existing water lines could be inadequate to support the system. Currently a 2 inch line and a 4 inch line run from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) main water line on Ridge Road. The lines supply water to a fire hydrant and for domestic use within the building.

Ralph said that WSSC officials deemed a 2 inch line to the hydrant as unacceptable and a 4 inch line would be marginal. In addition, Ralph said WSSC will only allow one water line to be tapped into its main line. Therefore, to complete the project the two lines would have to be replaced by one 10 inch line capable of providing water for the sprinkler system, the hydrant and domestic use.

Staff and architects working on the project had thought that the Prince George's County Per-

mit Department would mandate the system because of the extent of the renovation. However, James Downs, a fire protection engineer with the permit department, ruled that it would not be mandatory to install a sprinkler system.

Overdurff, in reference to the deletion of the sprinkler system said, "I think if we had a high-rise building then we might take a different approach." The board concluded that considerable precautions had been taken to ensure fire safety, such as upgraded fire

alarm systems and fire rated carpeting and walls. In addition, the advantages of a sprinkler system were outweighed by the additional costs and delays that would be necessary to satisfy WSSC.

The \$1/2 million allocated to the sprinkler system and new water line service can now be used for other aspects of the renovation project said Vice President Susan Ready.

Complaint Panel

The board also decided to begin complaint panel sessions starting after January 1, 2002 to

deal with members who have been in noncompliance with the GHI Beautification Program. The complaint panel is composed of three board members and a representative from the audit committee. There are less than 150 members out of the 1,600 total that are in noncompliance. However, if noncompliant members do not respond to the panel's suggestions then they could be sent before the entire board of directors and ultimately terminated from their mutual ownership agreements.

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